

PENDING CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) In a system of operating a wireless handset capable of clear calls and secure calls, a method comprising:

entering a personal identification number (PIN) each time the wireless handset is activated to register as a secure user to allow a secure call;

pressing a send/talk key for a predetermined amount of time;

determining whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, originating a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time;

if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, originating a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

if the handset is currently in the secure mode, originating a secure call.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined amount of time is ~~about~~ two seconds.

- 4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in Claim 1 [[2]], further comprising disabling the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times.

7. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the predetermined number of times is 7.

8. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 6, wherein the predetermined number of times is 3.

9-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A wireless apparatus configurable to make clear calls and secure calls, the apparatus comprising:

a user-interface having keys for entering a personal identification number (PIN) each time the wires handset is activated to register as a secure user to allow a secure call, and having a send/talk key capable of being depressed; and

a circuit configured to measure the amount of time the ~~user-interface~~ send/talk key is depressed, wherein the apparatus is configured to determine whether the wireless apparatus is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode, wherein:

if the handset is in the traditional mode, the wireless apparatus is configured to originate a secure call if the ~~user-interface~~ send/talk key is depressed for greater than a predetermined amount of time, and to originate a clear call if the user-interface key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,

if the handset is in the autosecure mode, the apparatus is configured to originate a secure call if the ~~user-interface~~ send/talk key is depressed for less than a predetermined amount of time, send a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the ~~user-interface~~ send/talk key is depressed for greater than a predetermined amount of time, and originate a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

if the handset is in the secure only mode, originating a secure call.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 27, wherein the predetermined amount of time is ~~about~~ two seconds.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 27 [14], further comprising means for disabling the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times.

19-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A wireless handset capable of clear calls and secure calls, comprising:

means for entering a personal identification number (PIN) each time the wireless handset is activated to register as a secure user to allow a secure call;

means for pressing a send/talk key for a predetermined amount of time;

means for determining whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

means for originating, if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time and a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,

means for originating, if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

mean for originating a secure call if the handset is currently in the secure mode.

28. (Currently Amended) The wireless apparatus as set forth in Claim 12, wherein the predetermined amount of time is ~~about~~ two seconds.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A computer ~~processor~~ program product, comprising:

computer-readable ~~processor-readable~~ medium having a stored computer program, comprising:

instructions for causing a computer to receive a personal identification number (PIN) each time the wireless handset is activated to register as a secure user to allow a secure call;

instructions for causing a computer ~~processor~~ to determine if a send/talk key of a handset has been pressed for a predetermined amount of time, wherein the handset is capable of clear calls and secure calls;

instructions for causing a computer ~~processor~~ to determine whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

instructions for causing a computer ~~processor~~ to originate, if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time and a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,

instructions for causing a computer ~~processor~~ to originate, if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

instructions for causing a computer ~~processor~~ to originate a secure call if the handset is currently in the secure mode.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer ~~processor~~ program product as set forth in Claim 30, wherein the predetermined amount of time is ~~about~~ two seconds.

32. (Canceled)

33. (New) In a system of operating a wireless handset capable of clear calls and secure calls, a method comprising:

entering a personal identification number (PIN) to register as a secure user to allow a secure call;

disabling the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times;

pressing a send/talk key for a predetermined amount of time;

determining whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, originating a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time;

if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, originating a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

if the handset is currently in the secure mode, originating a secure call.

34. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 33, wherein the predetermined amount of time is two seconds.

35. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 33, wherein the predetermined number of times is 7.

36. (New) The method as set forth in Claim 33, wherein the predetermined number of times is 3.

37. (New) A wireless apparatus configurable to make clear calls and secure calls, the apparatus comprising:

a user-interface having:

keys for entering a personal identification number (PIN) to register as a secure user to allow a secure call, wherein the handset is disabled if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times, and

a send/talk key capable of being depressed; and

a circuit configured to measure the amount of time the send/talk key is depressed, wherein the apparatus is configured to determine whether the wireless apparatus is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode, wherein:

if the handset is in the traditional mode, the wireless apparatus is configured to originate a secure call if the send/talk key is depressed for greater than a predetermined amount of time, and to originate a clear call if the user-interface key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,

if the handset is in the autosecure mode, the apparatus is configured to originate a secure call if the send/talk key is depressed for less than a predetermined amount of time, send a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is depressed for greater than a predetermined amount of time, and originate a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

if the handset is in the secure only mode, originating a secure call.

38. (New) The wireless apparatus as set forth in Claim 37, wherein the predetermined amount of time is two seconds.

39. (New) The wireless apparatus as set forth in Claim 37, wherein the predetermined number of times is 7.

40. (New) The wireless apparatus as set forth in Claim 37, wherein the predetermined number of times is 3.

41. (New) A wireless handset capable of clear calls and secure calls, comprising:

means for entering a personal identification number (PIN) to register as a secure user to allow a secure call;

means for disabling the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times;

means for pressing a send/talk key for a predetermined amount of time;

means for determining whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;

means for originating, if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time and a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,

means for originating, if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and

mean for originating a secure call if the handset is currently in the secure mode.

42. (New) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 41, wherein the predetermined amount of time is two seconds.

43. (New) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 41, wherein the predetermined number of times is 7.

44. (New) The wireless handset as set forth in Claim 41, wherein the predetermined number of times is 3.

45. (New) A computer program product, comprising:
computer-readable medium having a stored computer program, comprising:
instructions for causing a computer to receive a personal identification number (PIN) each time the wireless handset is activated to register as a secure user to allow a secure call;
instructions for causing a computer to disable the handset if the PIN number is incorrectly entered more than a predetermined number of times;
instructions for causing a computer to determine if a send/talk key of a handset has been pressed for a predetermined amount of time, wherein the handset is capable of clear calls and secure calls;
instructions for causing a computer to determine whether the handset is in a traditional mode, in an autosecure mode, or in a secure-only mode;
instructions for causing a computer to originate, if the handset is currently in the traditional mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time and a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time,
instructions for causing a computer to originate, if the handset is currently in the autosecure mode, a secure call if the send/talk key is held for a time period less than the predetermined amount of time, sending a confirmation request to originate a clear call if the send/talk key is held for a time period greater than the predetermined amount of time, and originating a clear call if the confirmation request is confirmed; and
instructions for causing a computer to originate a secure call if the handset is currently in the secure mode.
46. (New) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 45, wherein the predetermined amount of time is two seconds.
47. (New) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 45, wherein the predetermined number of times is 7.

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48. (New) The computer program product as set forth in Claim 45, wherein the predetermined number of times is 3.